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Rep. Mike Synar, D-Okla., said Saturday he was giving Environmental Protection Agency chief Anne Gorsuch until Wednesday to provide information his committee has requested.

Synar also said he has called on President Reagan to personally intervene and make the documentation available, not only to his committee but also to 20 other congressmen who have requested information from Gorsuch on the EPA-administered superfund.

"I would hope we would not have to go the subpoena route again," Synar said.

Synar said he has specifically requested the reasons behind the firing of Rita Lavelle and information on what determinations Ms. Lavelle made on how the agency settled on hazardous waste sites.

The congressman indicated there may be some political reasons why some waste sites received money and some have not. Synar said he also wants to know why Tar Creek was put on a back burner.

"If the evidence shows Anne Gorsuch has not been operating EPA in a serious effort to improve the environment there is question as to whether she can continue to be administrator of that agency," he said.

Synar said the fact that several congressional committees have requested information from Mrs. Gorsuch "shows the seriousness of the situation."

He said Mrs. Gorsuch was ignoring her responsibilities to Congress and he described the situation as "incredible. The integrity of the entire agency is at stake."

"She (Gorsuch) keeps saying the president told her to withhold information on executive privilege," Synar said, adding that there is no basis for executive privilege.

He said the administration was using a new basis, not tested by Supreme Court, called enforcement sensitivity.

He noted that Gorsuch has said certain documents could not be made public because that would prejudice pending court cases.

"Giving information to my committee and other committees is not going public," Synar said. "I routinely see CIA and FBI documents. National security, the only basis for executive privilege, is not at stake here."